

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



All of us feel so fortunate to be able to tell these stories that portray recovery as a place where people can change, families can be healed, and where there is an abundance of hope.

— 2014 Honoree



Television and Film Production Nomination Form

For the past 10 years, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and its Voice Awards program have demonstrated that stories of resilience and recovery in behavioral health can change lives. These stories touch people as they play out on screen and in our communities. They compel the public and the entertainment industry to view individuals with behavioral health needs in a more informed and accepting way.

Through their work and personal stories of resilience, both consumer/peer leaders and television and film professionals demonstrate that people with mental and/or substance use disorders can and do recover and lead meaningful lives. SAMHSA's goal is for this work and these stories to be shared with every community.

If you know of a television or film production that includes a dignified, respectful, and accurate portrayal of people with mental and/or substance use disorders, please nominate it for a 2015 Voice Award. Eligible productions should emphasize the positive journey of recovery from behavioral health conditions and must have aired in a public setting after April 15, 2014.

The Voice Awards 10th anniversary program will also spotlight the impact that suicide has on individuals, families, and communities, as well as its inextricable link to behavioral health. Special consideration will be given to television and film production nominees that sensitively portray stories of people who have considered, attempted, or completed suicide, yet do not romanticize suicide, idealize those who complete it, or expose viewers to graphic or sensationalistic specifics of suicidal behavior.

Nominations are due by Friday, April 10.

Nominations are open to anyone. There is no limit to the number of nominations an individual can submit, and self-nominations are welcome.

To make a nomination, please indicate the following information and try to be as specific as possible.

NOTE: Only productions that have been distributed within the U.S. (i.e., released in theaters, aired on television or cable networks, or aired in a public setting) are eligible for a Voice Award.

